

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 8

Introduced by Assembly Member Daucher

December 2, 2002

An act to add and repeal Article 3.8 (commencing with Section 52055.70) to Chapter 6.1 of Part 28 of the Education Code, relating to Riverside County Office of Education, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 8, as introduced, Daucher. Riverside County: pilot program.

(1) Existing law establishes various school improvement programs to increase pupil performance in elementary, middle, and high schools.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a 3-year pilot program entitled “the County Achievement Team Pilot Program” to be administered by the Riverside County Office of Education. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to direct the Riverside Office of Education to convene an achievement team with members chosen from specified fields for the purpose of auditing participating schools in Riverside County. The bill would require each achievement team to collaborate with its participating school to develop an action plan to increase school performance.

The bill would require the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to conduct an evaluation of the pilot program and to submit a report to the State Department of Education, the Legislature, and the Governor by January 1, 2008.

The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2009, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends that date.

(2) The bill would declare the Legislature's intent to appropriate a loan to the Riverside County Office of Education for the establishment and implementation of the pilot program, and would provide for the reimbursement of that loan based on improvement in school performance.

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

(4) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 3.8 (commencing with Section
2 52055.70) is added to Chapter 6.1 of Part 28 of the Education
3 Code, to read:

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5 Article 3.8. County Achievement Team Pilot Program

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7 52055.70. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
8 establish a three-year pilot program entitled "the County
9 Achievement Team Pilot Program" to be implemented
10 commencing with the 2003–04 school year. The goal of the
11 program is to increase pupil achievement in low-performing
12 elementary, middle, and high schools located in Riverside County
13 through the use of standards-based curriculum, materials and
14 professional development. The program is further intended to
15 increase school Academic Performance Index scores by providing
16 county office of education assistance to low-performing schools
17 through less per-student funding than provided by the Immediate
18 Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program described in
19 Section 52053.



1 52055.71. (a) To implement the County Achievement Team
2 Pilot Program established pursuant to Section 52055.70, the
3 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall direct the Riverside
4 County Office of Education to convene an achievement team
5 consisting of members selected from the following fields:

- 6 (1) Reading.
- 7 (2) Language arts.
- 8 (3) Mathematics.
- 9 (4) Science.
- 10 (5) Social studies.
- 11 (6) English.
- 12 (7) Bilingual language development.
- 13 (8) School assessment.
- 14 (9) School leadership.

15 (b) Each achievement team established pursuant to this section
16 shall prepare an audit report for its assigned school participating
17 in the County Achievement Team Pilot Program. In preparing the
18 audit report, the achievement team shall analyze specified criteria,
19 including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- 20 (1) Groups of pupils that tend to perform below average.
- 21 (2) Areas of tested curriculum in which pupils tend to perform
22 below average.
- 23 (3) Classroom instructional practices.
- 24 (4) Research-based practices in the school.
- 25 (5) State standards-based materials matched to state
26 curriculum.
- 27 (6) Standards-based programs that would serve a pupil
28 performing below his or her grade level.
- 29 (7) Leadership and management practices that focus the school
30 on pupil achievement.

31 (c) Each achievement team shall present its observations and
32 recommendations to the staff from their assigned school to
33 develop action plan goals to increase pupil achievement.

34 (d) Each achievement team shall collaborate with its assigned
35 school to implement the action plan and monitor its progress, and
36 provide resource assistance that shall include, but not be limited
37 to, all of the following assistance:

- 38 (1) Standards-based professional training for school leaders
39 and teachers.
- 40 (2) Demonstration teaching in the classroom.

1 (3) Collaborative planning.

2 (4) Intense literacy coaching from exemplary teachers.

3 52055.72. The Riverside County Office of Education shall
4 select schools to participate in the County Achievement Team
5 Pilot Program from those Riverside County schools that ranked in
6 the lowest 5 deciles on the Academic Performance Index and did
7 not meet their 2002 Academic Performance Index growth targets.

8 52055.73. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate
9 eighty-five dollars (\$85) per pupil served at the elementary and
10 middle school level by the pilot program and one hundred five
11 dollars (\$105) per pupil served at the high school level by the pilot
12 program as a loan to the Riverside County Office of Education for
13 the establishment and implementation of the County Achievement
14 Team Pilot Program to be established pursuant to this article.

15 (b) The Riverside County Office of Education shall reimburse
16 the state loan for each school as specified in subdivision (c) unless,
17 at the end of the third year of the pilot program, the participating
18 school meets either of the following criteria:

19 (1) The three year growth of the school's Academic
20 Performance Index exceeds statewide Academic Performance
21 Index growth for the same time period for demographically
22 comparable schools statewide using the 2003 Academic
23 Performance Index as the base year.

24 (2) For schools with a specified subject as the focus of the pilot
25 program, a three year growth in that subject area that exceeds the
26 growth in that subject area for demographically comparable
27 schools in Riverside County.

28 (c) If the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that
29 a participating school does not meet the growth criteria contained
30 in subdivision (b), the Riverside County Office of Education shall
31 reimburse an amount to be determined by the Superintendent of
32 Public Instruction, based on the Academic Performance Index
33 scores of each participating school not to exceed eighty-five
34 dollars (\$85) per pupil served at the elementary and middle school
35 level by the pilot program and one hundred five dollars (\$105) per
36 student served at the high school level by the pilot program.

37 52055.74. The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
38 shall conduct an evaluation of the pilot program and shall submit
39 the findings and recommendations in a report to the State

1 Department of Education, the Legislature, and the Governor by
2 January 1, 2008.

3 52055.75. This article shall remain in effect until January 1,
4 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
5 that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends that date.

6 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
7 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
8 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
9 district are the result of a program for which legislative authority
10 was requested by that local agency or school district, within the
11 meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section
12 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

13 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
14 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
15 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
16 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

17 In order to fund low performance schools in a cost-effective
18 way, at the earliest possible time, it is necessary that this act take
19 effect immediately.

